



WSDOT Aviation 2007-2009 Business Directions

Introduction

WSDOT Aviation faces the challenge of preparing for escalating preservation needs and significant increases in aviation activity in a climate of declining revenues. In order to meet these challenges, the division's key objectives for the next biennium are to prioritize investments and plan for the future by pursuing the state's interest in aviation: preservation, capacity, safety and environmental stewardship. Major program initiatives for 2007-2009 include:

- Target delivery of critical air transportation infrastructure projects through the Airport Aid Grant Program.
- Set a direction for the future of the state's air transportation system through completion of the Long-Term Air Transportation Study (LATS).
- Improve efficiencies in management of the state-operated airport system and air search and rescue program.

Policy Direction

The policy foundation for WSDOT Aviation's 2007-2009 programs is set by the Governor's vision for transportation and WSDOT's mission statement. These policies are translated into business directions that will ultimately be implemented into specific performance objectives for WSDOT Aviation staff.

Governor's Vision

Christine Gregoire recognizes the importance of the transportation system to the life of Washington State. A strong and reliable transportation system moves goods to market and people to work. State government is committed to ensuring that every tax dollar is used wisely, and that transportation projects are completed in the timely manner taxpayers expect.

WSDOT Mission

"To keep people and business moving by operating and improving the state's transportation systems vital to our taxpayers and communities."

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WSDOT's Business Directions is the summary of WSDOT's work plan based on the programs and budgets authorized by the State Legislature and the policies adopted by the Governor. The plan describes the agency strategic directions and initiatives that are part of WSDOT's program and service delivery mandates.

WSDOT's six strategic initiatives are:

1. Manage and operate state transportation facilities to improve the safety and reliability of state transportation systems for the benefit of travelers, shippers, and communities.

Aviation

- Manage state aviation programs and services to help improve the safety and reliability of the aviation system for the benefit of users and communities.

Action: Continue to focus airport grants where the highest need exists.

Measurement: The majority of grants will be targeted for pavement preservation: 65% of all airport aid will be used for paving projects.

2. Maintain structures, facilities, support systems, and services to optimize their short-term and long-term usefulness and enhance environmental performance.

Aviation

- Maintain state airports facilities to optimize their short-term and long term usefulness.

Action: Implement state airport study recommendations.

Measurement: Improve infrastructure to meet facility standards.

- Ninety-eight percent of all runway markings will be brought to standard.
- Land use programs will be implemented at 2 airports per year.

3. Deliver asset and rehabilitation projects to preserve the state's existing infrastructure assets and utilize lowest lifecycle approaches to extend their useful life.

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- Provide resources and services to rehabilitate and preserve the state's existing airport infrastructure and utilize lifecycle approaches to extend their useful life.

Action: Identify airport classification standards.

Measurement: Implement ALP/CIP programs at non-federal airports: 98% of all non-federal airports will have ALP/CIPs

4. Deliver high quality capital projects that add to and improve the state's transportation system on-time and on-budget.

- Deliver high quality airport projects through the airport aid program that add to and improve the state's air transportation system on-time and on-budget.

Action: Establish new grant assurances for state airport aid.

Measurement: Reduce the number of carry-over grants: 98% of all airport aid projects will be delivered on time and on budget.

5. Communicate transportation system performance and WSDOT agency performance to the public through clear and consistent project delivery and program management reporting.

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- Communicate WSDOT Aviation performance to the public through clear and consistent project delivery and program management reporting.

Action: Implement public outreach strategy for Phase III LATS.

Measurement: Planning council recommendations will be delivered to the Governor July 2009.

6. Assure the capability, efficiency and safety of WSDOT's workforce.

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Action: Increase the proficiency training for certified Air Search & Rescue volunteers.

Measurement: Ninety-eight percent of all volunteers will successfully complete Air Search and Rescue orientation training.